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**ABERDEEN**  
**CITY COUNCIL**

**19 August 2014**

**TO: ALL PARENTS/CARERS OF EVERY CHILD  
WITHIN THE SCHOOL**

**Education, Culture and  
Sport**

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Dear Parent/Carer

**CONSULTATION ON THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES FOR ABERDEEN CITY  
SCHOOLS COVERING THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST 2015 TO JULY 2020  
(INCLUSIVE)**

I write to consult you on the school holiday dates over the five year period beginning in August 2015. Please find attached proposed school holiday dates for Aberdeen City Council schools.

There are two options for the year's holidays. Please indicate your preference and/or any further comments.

The proposed holiday dates reflects the following principles:

1. Whole weeks of holiday and school term time are preferable to incomplete weeks.
2. There are benefits for some children, parents/carers and employees in harmonisation of Aberdeen City holiday dates with our neighbouring authority, Aberdeenshire Council.
3. In any school year, the stipulated number of attendances for pupils is 190 days and the number of working days for teachers is 195 days. There are five additional In-Service days for teachers.
4. The main difference between option 1 and option 2 is the removal of the September weekend that usually occurs near the end of September. It is proposed to add these two days to the festive period for year 2015/16 and for years 2016-2020 two additional holidays to be determined.

Please note that these proposed arrangements for 2015/2020 will align Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeenshire Council's school holiday dates as far as practicable.

**GAYLE GORMAN  
DIRECTOR**

I would be very grateful if you could return the attached completed forms to your child's school or post to:

School Holiday Consultation  
School Estate Team  
Aberdeen City Council  
Business Hub 13  
Second Floor North  
Marischal College  
Broad Street  
Aberdeen  
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or by email attachment to [schoolestate@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:schoolestate@aberdeencity.gov.uk) or submit, **in writing**, any comments you may have.

All responses should be received by **5.00pm on 17 September 2014**.

For your information, the council website also has information regarding this consultation at [www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/schoolestate](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/schoolestate)

Thank you for your participation.

Yours sincerely



**Gayle Gorman**  
Director of Education, Culture and Sport